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**MAIL STOP AMENDMENT**

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In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant requests that citation and examination of the following document be made during the course of examination of the above-referenced application for United States Letters Patent.

AL European Application 0 686 946

**EXPLANATION OF RELEVANCE**

Reference AL was cited in Examination Report dated August 16, 2004 from the European Patent Office in connection with the counterpart European application. The European Examination Report also cited United States Patent No. 5,390,251, however, that reference has already been made of record herein as Reference AD in the Information Disclosure Statement filed March 20, 2001.


A copy of Reference AL together with Form 1449 is submitted herewith. Since Reference AL is in English, no further commentary concerning its teachings is necessary.

As of the date of mailing of this Information Disclosure Statement, a first Office Action on the merits has not been received in connection with this application, and therefore, this Information Disclosure Statement is in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(3), and no fee is necessary.

Should this Information Disclosure Statement cross in the mail with a first Office Action it is still in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(c), and no fee is necessary. Accordingly, the undersigned counsel states, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)(1), that Reference AL was first cited in a communication from a foreign Patent Office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

All claims of the application are submitted to be patentable over the teachings of Reference AL, taken alone or in combination with any of the previously submitted references. Early consideration of the application is therefore respectfully requested.

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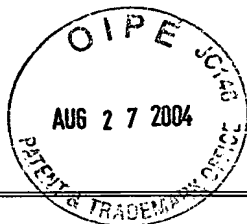
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